



FAIR SHARE FEES

2009 - 2010

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The Simi Valley High School instrumental music department offers many choices of music education experiences, including various classes offered before, during and after regular school hours. Each of these classes has significant funding needs, with minimal funding by our school district. Substantial amounts of necessary department expenses are not district funded and require student funds and/or student fundraising. The Simi Valley High School Music Boosters works to help supplement the unfunded expenses of the department by offering fundraising events and providing students with opportunities to raise funds to cover the expenses of running the high school program. Students are asked to contribute their fair share through “fees”, and the Music Boosters help to administer those fees.

Student Fees and Student Fund Accounts

Expenses required to run a successful instrumental music program include costs to maintain and periodically replace instruments, cases, uniforms, supplies and equipment. They also include ongoing costs such as purchasing musical scores, supplemental and professional instruction, festival and competition registration fees, and transportation for students and equipment, including fees for buses, truck rental, mileage and fuel. While the music boosters’ fundraising pays for a portion of the department’s general costs, individual students and their families are asked to fund the remaining costs in the form of class fees and transportation fees.

Student Fund Accounts

The SVHS Music Boosters organize numerous fundraisers throughout the year to provide opportunities for students to raise their own funds to cover the costs of their instrumental music department fair share fees, and to provide the necessary operating funds that allow the booster organization to support the department activities. Funds raised from booster activities are split between the participating students and the booster organization, with up to 100% being allocated to the students. The allocations of funds vary and are determined individually for each activity. The student account provides an excellent means of keeping track of funds raised by students, and an easy way to transfer funds to pay the expenses of participating in the instrumental music program. It is not uncommon for a student who actively participates in fundraising activities to generate enough funds to cover the majority, if not all, of their fair share of the expenses.

All money earned by individual students during fundraising activities is maintained in a student account fund, which is accounted for independently from the booster's general operating account. Money can be withdrawn from the student's fund account balance to offset expenses such as student fees or other incidental costs. As expenses are incurred, the student may use a Student Account Transfer Form to request funds from their account be used to satisfy the expense. At the end of the school year, any unused funds are carried to the next year. When students leave the instrumental music department with no likelihood of returning (e.g. graduating seniors), the funds are either transferred to the accounts of sibling students, or relinquished to the booster's general operating account.

Student Fees

Anticipated student fees for each class are outlined in this document. Fees are for the entire stated year or season for each class or activity. While exhaustive efforts are made to accurately predict the projected costs of each particular activity, as well as the class attendance, actual costs may vary and could require changes in the fair share fees. Participants will be notified within a few weeks of the beginning of the school year if any changes are made to fees.

On the following pages are the calculated class fees, based upon the expenses forecasted in order to provide the equipment, instruction, and opportunities that will enable a quality program. Wherever possible, the expenses have been kept to a minimum, with the intent to keep the fair share fees as low as possible. Assumptions as to class size are also noted for determining the fair share fee (equally divided among all participants).

The Music Boosters work hard with the instructors at Simi Valley High School to provide a very high quality program, while maintaining the lowest cost to students. Benchmarks with comparable schools in the Southern California area support this claim, but the boosters continue to strive to obtain funding and community support that will drive fees lower each year. Please join us in these efforts!

ASB Membership

Marching band students are required to purchase an ASB Card from the SVHS ASB office during August orientation. Paid ASB receipts must be shown to the Membership Chairperson in order to record the payment. **Please SAVE your Receipt !**

Payments

Checks for all student fees must be made payable to the SVHS Music Boosters. For Music Booster payments, use the “Payment Slip” form, or send an email to the Membership chairperson requesting transfer of student account funds.

Note: Checks for all ASB transportation fees must be made payable to SVHS ASB. Turn into the ASB office, separately. Please do not turn them into the boosters, as the funds are managed separately – Thank You!

DON'T FORGET: Since the boosters are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, payments for fair share fees to the SVHS Music Boosters may be tax deductible (T-shirts, shoes, gloves and Dickies Jackets are likely excluded). Be sure to check with your tax advisor to determine tax implications for your specific situation.

Marching Band

All marching band fees are due on the first day of band camp. Students who have not paid their fees in full, or have not made payment arrangements by the first football game, may be asked not to perform by the director. Payments can be made throughout the summer by mailing payments to the SVHS Music Boosters at P.O. Box 1013, Simi Valley, CA 93062. The enclosed payment slip should accompany all checks. Please include the student's name on the “memo” line of your check.

All Other Classes

Checks can be mailed to the SVHS Music Boosters at P.O. Box 1013, Simi Valley, CA 93062, or may be turned in to the Membership Chairperson at the beginning of each semester. The enclosed payment slip should accompany all checks. Please include the student's name on the “memo” line of your check.

Marching Band

(est. 58 participants)

Program Fair Share Fee Breakdown (see budget for details)

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| All Uniforms, incl. Guard (+cleaning) | \$40.00 |
| Band Camp – incl. all instructors, refreshments | \$162.00 |
| Competition related fees – incl. coaches, instructors | \$47.00 |
| Choreography, Field Show drills | \$48.00 |
| Field Music, Drumline music | \$98.00 |
| Equipment | \$102.00 |
| T-Shirt | \$8.00 |
| Semester Student Fee payable to SVHS Music Boosters | \$505.00 |

Other equipment required for the Marching Band

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| Instrumentalists: Shoes, Gloves | \$40.00* |
| Color Guard: Unitard / Camisole | \$35.00* |

* Items are available from the booster organization (at cost), or can be purchased separately – exact manufacturer and style required & available upon request.

School Bus Transportation Fee (Pay directly to SVHS ASB Office)

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| Semester Bus Transportation Fee | \$100.00** |
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** Note: Since these fees are through the high school, ASB policies govern their use, and class restrictions may apply. Contact the ASB for details.

!! Please note that all Marching Band students are required to obtain ASB Membership cards from the ASB Office (see “ASB Membership” above).

Concert Band

(est. 35 participants)

Program Fair Share Fee Breakdown (see budget for details)

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Equipment / Supplies | \$20.00 |
| Annual Student Fee payable to SVHS Music Boosters | \$20.00 |

NOTE: All Concert Band students are required to have approved concert uniforms in order to participate in performances. For girls, specific dresses are required. For boys, specific tuxedos are required. Details are available from the Director.

The Music Boosters have purchased the required dresses and tuxedos and offers them to music students on a rental basis each semester.

Additional Services Provided by Boosters (optional - Pay to SVHS Boosters)

Formal Attire Rental & Cleaning Service \$24.00 / semester

Annual School Bus Transportation Fee payable to SVHS ASB** N/R**

** NOTE: Concert Band will not participate in any Festival activities, so a transportation fee is not required.

Orchestra and Wind Ensemble

(est. 54 participants)

Program Fair Share Fee Breakdown (see budget for details)

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Equipment / Supplies | \$20.00 |
| Festival related fees - incl. Truck Rentals, Fuel | \$20.00 |
| Annual Student Fee payable to SVHS Music Boosters | \$40.00 |

NOTE: All Orchestra and Wind Ensemble students are required to have approved concert uniforms in order to participate in performances. For girls, specific dresses are required. For boys, specific tuxedos are required. Details are available from the Director.

The Music Boosters have purchased the required dresses and tuxedos and offers them to music students on a rental basis each semester.

Additional Services Provided by Boosters (optional - Pay to SVHS Boosters)

Formal Attire Rental & Cleaning Service \$24.00 / semester

School Bus Transportation Fee (Pay directly to SVHS ASB Office)

Semester Bus Transportation Fee \$65.00**

** Note: Since these fees are through the high school, ASB policies govern their use, and class restrictions may apply. Contact the ASB for details.

Jazz Bands **(Big Band and Latin Ensemble)**

(est. 21 participants)

Program Fair Share Fee Breakdown (see budget for details)

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Equipment / Supplies | \$10.00 |
| Festival related fees - incl. Director, Instructors | \$295.00 |
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| Semester Student Fee payable to SVHS Music Boosters | \$305.00 |

NOTE: All Jazz Band (Big Band and Latin Band) students are required to have approved concert uniforms in order to participate in performances. Details are available from the Director.

The Music Boosters do not supply uniform supplies for the Jazz Ensemble at the present time.

School Bus Transportation Fee (Pay directly to SVHS ASB Office)

Semester Bus Transportation Fee \$65.00**

** Note: Since these fees are through the high school, ASB policies govern their use, and class restrictions may apply. Contact the ASB for details.

Winter Guard *

(est. 9 participants)

Program Fair Share Fee Breakdown (see budget for details)

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| Uniform | \$56.00 |
| Equipment / Supplies | \$28.00 |
| Instructor | \$267.00 |
| Competition Fees – incl. Fuel | 88.00 |
| Choreography, Drill | \$83.00 |
| Semester Student Fee payable to SVHS Music Boosters | \$522.00 |

*** NOTE: Winter Guard Program for 2010 will be dependent upon interest and availability of funding.**

Semester Bus Transportation Fee payable to SVHS ASB N/R****

** Transportation to/from competitions will be coordinated by parents and instructor.

Booster Services Available

Additional Services Provided by Boosters

(These items are not required, unless stated for a specific class)

| <u>Service/Item</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dickies Jackets | \$75.00 |
| Music Department T-Shirt | price varies – see order form |
| Extra Marching Band Gloves | \$5.00 |
| Music Department Polo Shirts | \$35.00 |
| Music Department Logo Stickers | \$5.00 |

NOTE: To purchase these items/services, please fill out separate order form provided in class information packet, or contact a Booster Board Member for more information.